

Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council

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Minutes of the Council meeting Held on 15th March 2022 at 6.30pm at The Gather

Present: Cllr R Outhwaite (RO), Cllr L Coverley (LC), Cllr S Guise (SG), Cllr K Park (KP), Cllr N Rowson (NR), Cllr S Sharpe (SS), Cllr R Taylor (RT).

Also in attendance: Ward Councillor G Everett (GE), County Councillor A Lamb (AL).

Clerk: J Coltman (JC)

Members of the public: 7

Meeting commenced at 6.44pm

Minute Number	Item	Action
689/03/22	Apologies for Absence Resolved <ul style="list-style-type: none">to accept Cllr Young's apologies due to ill health.Vice-chair Councillor Outhwaite to Chair the meeting.	
690/03/22	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest	
691/03/22	Minutes of the previous meeting Resolved <ul style="list-style-type: none">to approve the minutes of the meeting of 18th January 2022 without amendment	
692/03/22	Public Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">A member of the public read out a statement to voice their concerns regarding Wild Ennerdale's plans to introduce the beaver and Forestry England's plans to commercialise the valley. They asked that the Parish Council take action to challenge Forestry England's plans over this, in line with the existing action on the council in the current Ennerdale and Kinniside Community led plan issued in 2018. The clerk was able to update the room with news that the Regional Director of Forestry England had agreed to attend a meeting on 14th April and provide us with answers to a number of concerns and to explain their long-term plan for the valley. The church was offered as a venue for this. The chair confirmed that this would be publicised. The clerk explained that people would be asked for questions first so that they were not duplicated. RT said that an early meet time would be advisable. They asked for a written response from the Chairman.A member of the public said that the Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre had not been given a renewal of the lease that had been promised. There was proof of plans to turn this into an eco-centre and they believed it was linked to the plans for the release of the beavers	

	<p>and increased tourism. They asked that the Parish Council ask Forestry England to set out a clear and open long-term plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public said that the Lake District National Park should be included in this discussion. The chair said that any change of use for the field centre would require planning permission which would have to be sought through them. • A member of the public raised further concerns over a planning application to build on land at the side of Greenthwaite. The applicant had submitted further details in support of their application which the Council had previously objected to. The Council was asked to reply and reinforce their objections. The individual also wanted to know of any plans that United Utilities had for the valley. They also said that they would be happy to participate in any of the volunteer efforts around tidying the village and asked to be kept informed. • Another member of the public also asked to be kept informed of any projects that they could help with. They felt that the proposed parking restrictions would speed up traffic through the village and thought that a bigger problem was parking on pavements. 	
693/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Updates from Ward and County Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Arthur Lamb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The only thing of note happening was the local government reorganisation. There were elections due in May when 44 46 seats would be contested for the new authorities. The new authorities would exist as shadow authorities until 31st March 2023 when the borough and county councils would cease to exist and they would replace them. <p>Cllr Gwynneth Everett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown bin collections had restarted and a calendar could be downloaded from the website. There will be a change from the recycling boxes to two wheelie bins, one with a red lid and one with a blue. People who couldn't accommodate the extra bins could keep the boxes currently used. • Some joint committees would be set up in April. 	
694/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk's Updates</p> <p><u>Key Contacts</u> The clerk had requested a key point of contact from National Trust and Natural England but was waiting for a response.</p> <p><u>Forestry Lorries.</u> A meeting was arranged for March 21st which would be attended by Forestry England, Arthur Lamb and Cumbria Highways. The council needed to delegate authority to 2 or 3 members to represent the council's views. RT, DY, NR & RO were elected to attend the meeting.</p> <p><u>3 Forest Houses Development.</u> The LDNPA had spoken to the householder and were expecting to receive a retrospective planning application</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>RT, DY, NR, RO</p>

	<p><u>Stow Bank Farm.</u> A planning officer from Copeland had visited the site and had advised the resident that they needed to apply for permission. They suggested a pre-planning application in the first instance and would keep us informed.</p> <p><u>SSSI Training.</u> No response had been received from Natural England.</p> <p><u>Queen's Jubilee.</u> The Facebook page was available for asking for volunteers, but more followers/likes/shares were required to get the word out to more people. The headteacher had confirmed that no plans were in hand for commemorative items.</p> <p><u>Larch Consultation.</u> The online consultation by Forestry England had been extended until March 28th.</p> <p><u>Planning Complaint 2 Forest Houses.</u> A resident had made a complaint about an alleged breach of planning which had been lodged with the LDNPA. They had also made an allegation of harassment against FE but have not responded to the clerk's offer of assistance.</p> <p><u>Common Land Discussions.</u> There were ongoing discussions over the ownership of common land. FE were asking for Council's permission to cut the diseased larch from common 107. RT said that this was European larch which was very expensive and proposed that the money from the larch sales should be given back to the community.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the clerk write to confirm that the Council had no objection to the removal of the timber, but request that profit from the sales be returned to the community. <p><u>Budget and Precept.</u> An enquiry had been received relating to the increase in the precept and the clerk had written to give an explanation which had cleared the matter up. The clerk would look to put this information on the website too.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>																								
695/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Finance & Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>The current balance at bank was £6653.81 This was made up of £3876.00 of Broadmoor Trail funding and £2777.81 of parish council general funds. This figure included the payments for approval on the agenda.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the finance report 																									
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	15th March 2022	0197	J Coltman	Expenses/Office Cost	£ 64.60) £801.41	
	15th March 2022	0198	HMRC	PAYE on salary	£ 184.00	000633	
	15th March 2022	0199	Lamplugh Ennerdale PCC	Newsletter	£ 25.00	000634	
	Resolved						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the payments as listed 						
697/03/22	Annual Budget Variances						
	Resolved						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to vire funds from the “contingency” header to cover overspends in Audit Fees, Clerk’s Salary, Clerk’s Expenses & Training. 						
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698/03/22	Police Matters						
	<p>The clerk said that the PCSO had said that there was nothing that they needed to bring to the attention of the Council.</p> <p>The crime map which covered the January period indicated that there had been 13 incidents near Lamplugh/Rowrah, and 63 in Cleator Moor.</p>						
699/03/22	Press and Social Media Policy						
	Resolved						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the draft policy as presented. 						
700/03/22	Planning Applications						
	<p><u>Application 7/2022/4020 - sunroom.</u> There were no objections.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To offer no objections <p><u>Application 7/2021/4112 Land adjacent to Greenthwaite</u> The applicant had submitted further comments in support of their application. Councillors disagreed with their new comments and said that the Council should reconfirm its position.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To write again to say that the Council’s position remains unchanged. <p><u>Application 7/2021/4147, Lizza Brow</u> This was further information which was purely a change of description. The Council had already commented on the original application.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further submissions were required. 						
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701/03/22	Parish Meeting						
	Resolved						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set the date and time for the Parish Meeting as 3rd May at 7pm 						
	LC						

702/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Paediatric pads for the defibrillator</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To vire money from the contingency fund to cover the budget shortfall to buy the pads. SS to send the link to the clerk <p>RT said that there was a disused phonebox at Croasdale which was proposed to be used for a defibrillator. It was unsure where the money for the purchase or maintenance would come from. There may be fundraising required, but this would have to be looked in to. SS said that there was a newly established community charity which may be able to take this on. This would go on the next agenda for a full discussion. The defibrillator in The Gather was going to be fitted to the outside wall in a box.</p>	<p>SS/JC</p> <p>SS/RT/ JC</p>
703/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Empty Properties</p> <p>RT said that there were a number of properties that were empty which nothing had been done with. He proposed asking the authorities to turn the properties over to the parish council so that we could turn them into affordable housing. RO said that he did not think that the parish council should become involved in taking on and renovating empty properties. Copeland Borough Council have an empty homes policy so they would be the correct organisation to pursue this.</p> <p>Resolved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clerk to write to United Utilities and National Trust to ask them what their intentions are with regard to the empty residential properties in the area. 	<p>JC</p>
704/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Footpaths Requiring Attention</p> <p>RO said that this would be public rights of way as this would include bridleways. RT had reported storm damage for two paths to Highways and the National Park. RT proposed that we write to ask if we could use their volunteer system to get these sorted. RT would give the clerk exact locations of the paths so that she could identify them when she wrote. KP raised concerns over a concealed entrance. This would be a Highways issue.</p>	<p>RT/JC</p>
705/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">NJC Pay Review</p> <p>Resolved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the pay review in relation to the current clerk's salary and to pay the balance that would be owed to the former clerk. 	
706/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Parking RTO TRO</p> <p>This was not at the statutory consultation stage, this was just an early enquiry. Most of these orders had been proposed in response to matters raised by the public through the parish council. RO suggested that it would be appropriate to discuss the issue at the time of statutory consultation, when the views of residents would be sought.</p>	

707/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Village Enhancement</p> <p>The district Council had two benches that could be collected. A member of the public had expressed an interest in sponsoring a bench. NR said that she and her husband would donate a bench. LC said that she would maintain a planter.</p> <p>Resolved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To buy 2 barrel planters • To buy 3 brown backless benches • To buy 1 bench chosen by NR which would be reinvoiced by the clerk. 	<p>LC</p> <p>SS/JC/ NR</p>
708/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Queen's jubilee</p> <p>The location was in Tyson's field, it was a picnic style event with a singer and some activities. A bake-off, fancy dress for the children and possibly a tug of war. Volunteers would be needed to erect the marquee and afterwards to help clear up. The plaque for the tree would be paid for from the jubilee budget. Authority to spend up to £500 per item was delegated to the jubilee committee.</p> <p>Barbecues had been offered for the day if people wanted to bring and cook their own food. The Shepherd's Arms had said that they were happy for people to use their toilets.</p> <p>A "town crier" had been found for the day.</p> <p>Insurance was still being looked into.</p> <p>As the music was not the main event, it did not appear that a music licence was necessary.</p>	
709/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Updates</p> <p>Wild Ennerdale RO had received an invite to the next meeting and suggested that we continue to attend. RT said that we need to make it clear that the Council does not recognise Wild Ennerdale as an organisation and RO said that would have to be agreed by the Council as an agenda item. RT said that the Council had already written to them to that effect.</p> <p>Beavers AL said that the county council had not been consulted and he had brought this to the attention of their environmental department as they are the local flood authority and along the river Ehen is already a known flood risk area. The view of the Council is that no proper consultation has been carried out. As a minimum they should be consulting with the three tiers of local authority and the National Park. The clerk was asked to write to Natural England with copies to Forestry England, United Utilities and the National Trust as well as Angela Jones of the County Council, Trudy Harrison, Lake District National Park, Patrick Graham of Copeland Borough Council and Mike Starkie, asking for their support. AL would assist the clerk with input as required. RT said he'd been invited to address Lamplugh parish council to update them on events in the valley. He said that he would be happy to address any other parish councils too. There was a lengthy discussion with a</p>	<p>JC/AL</p>

	<p>number of members of the public expressing concerns over the release of the beavers. There was concern that we needed to prepare questions in advance and RT said he had a room that could be used and was happy to work with volunteers on potential questions. It was understood at the meeting that a group would be set up to prepare for a meeting on 14th April with Forestry England. AL said that the most important thing was to send the letter that had been agreed. LC said that Wild Ennerdale was about much more than the beavers and we were being drawn into their narrative.</p> <p>Broadmoor Trail There had been a significant improvement and this was now ready to move forward to final funding.</p> <p>Highways Issues RT said that there had been no feedback from Highways. AL had raised his unhappiness with the withdrawal of the email communications from Highways. He would chase up a way of receiving a parish report from Highways. RT asked if it would help if we made a formal complaint, AL said it might. AL would forward an email to the clerk for her to respond to explaining the communication problems.</p> <p>Visitor Management Plan Meeting RO had attended a meeting with RT, National Trust, National Park, Wasdale Parish Council and Copeland Borough Council. This was to plan for the expected influx of visitors and a document was produced to try to manage volunteers. A shuttle bus service was also suggested. If anybody had any feedback from the plan it could be passed back.</p>	AL/JC
710/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Councillor Matters</p> <p>RT said that he thought that there ought to be a member of the parish council attending the committee meetings of The Gather to represent the council's views. He said that as he was already on the committee of The Gather he could be the Council's representative at the same time. The clerk said that would be a conflict of interests as he could not represent both bodies simultaneously in case their views were opposed on a subject. RO said that if The Gather wished to invite a member of the Council to attend, they could do so, but never had so far.</p> <p>SS asked about the email that had been forwarded about Wildlife sites. The clerk said it was open to anybody to attend.</p>	
711/03/22	<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting</p> <p>Confirmed as 17th May 2022, 6.30pm Start in The Gather. Annual Council meeting followed by regular business.</p>	

Meeting closed at 10:02pm

Chairman's signature.....

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